



# **MINNESOTA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY BOARD**

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

### **ON AMENDMENT OF EQB PIPELINE RULES MINN RULES CHAPTER 4415**

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 9, 2004**

**ROOM 302 CENTENNIAL BUILDING  
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA**

**10:00 a.m.**

The Minnesota Environmental Quality Board would like to invite all interested persons to a meeting on Thursday, December 9, 2004, at the EQB offices in St. Paul, Minnesota, at 10:00 a.m. to discuss possible amendments to the agency's pipeline rules found in Minnesota Rules chapter 4415. The meeting will also address proposed statutory amendments to Minnesota Statutes section 116I.015.

Minn. Stat. § 116I.015 requires a pipeline routing permit from the EQB to construct certain intrastate natural gas and petroleum pipelines in Minnesota. The statute was first passed in 1987. In 1989, the EQB promulgated rules implementing the pipeline routing requirements. Those rules are found in Minn. Rules chapter 4415.

The EQB is considering adopting amendments to the pipeline rules. A working draft for public review has been prepared and is available for review. This draft can be found on the EQB webpage at <http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/author.html> by scrolling down to Rules Under Review and clicking on Pipeline Rules.

The EQB also intends to seek legislation during the 2005 session of the Minnesota Legislature to amend Minn. Stat. § 116I.015. A copy of the amended language the EQB will propose is available on the same webpage cited above. Among other changes, the EQB is proposing to move the pipeline legislation from chapter 116I to chapter 116C. A bill (S.F. 2763) was introduced last year that contained language similar to what is being proposed now but which kept the language in chapter 116I.

EQB staff would appreciate receiving comments from interested and affected persons on the possible changes to the statute and the rules. Staff will be available at the meeting to explain the various provisions and to answer questions about any matters relating to the pipeline routing program. Any person may suggest additional or different changes in the statute or rules. Staff will take all comments into account in developing another draft of the rule amendments and in pursuing appropriate statutory changes in the Legislature. Persons who are unable to attend the December 9 meeting can submit comments in writing to Alan Mitchell, EQB, Room 300, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, or by e-mail [Alan.Mitchell@state.mn.us](mailto:Alan.Mitchell@state.mn.us), phone (651) 296-3714.

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